Land leased out.

134. *Mr. **Paul A. Thaliath** (*Parur, Kunnattunad and Muvattupuzha* cum *Devicolam*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the total number of acres leased out already by Government for food cultivation; and

(*b*) the total number of acres still left to be leased out?

Rao Bahadur T. V. Venkiteswara Aiyar (*Conservator of Forests*): (*a*) About 8,900 acres.

(*b*) About 5,600 acres.

Forests and other areas leased out for increased food production.

135. *Mr. **K. G. Narayana Panicker** (*Mavelikara and Tiruvalla* cum *Pattanamtitta*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the extent of forest and other areas leased out for increased food production in 1117 and 1118;

(*b*) the approximate yield of paddy from such areas in 1117 and 1118; and

(*c*) the extent of area that now remains to be leased out under the same system?

Rao Bahadur T. V. Venkiteswara Aiyar:

(*a*) In 1117 about 350 acres.
In 1118 about 7,900 acres.

(*b*) In 1117 nil.
In 1118 about 56,840 paras (harvested early in 1119).

(*c*) About 5,600 acres.

Lands available from the Forest Reserves for the cultivation of paddy.

136. *Mr. **K. C. Chandy**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the extent of lands available from the Forest Reserves in the taluk of Minachil for being leased out for the cultivation of paddy; and

(*b*) how much of this was applied for being given on lease and how much was actually leased out, during the years 1117, 1118 and 1119?

Rao Bahadur T. V. Venkiteswara Aiyar: (*a*) Nil.

(*b*) In view of the answer to part (a) this does not arise.

Mr. K. C. Chandy: May I know whether there was any special reason why no area was made available in the Minachil taluk for the cultivation of paddy?

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